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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF STATE OF COMOROS

1. AT REQUEST OF DEPT., ANDRE VALADAS, COUNSELOR AT FRENCH EMBASSY, CAME IN TO DISCUSS FRANCO-COMORIAN RELATIONS. HE INFORMED US THAT NO PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN SETTling TERRITORIAL DISPUTE OVER ISLAND OF MAYOTTE AND RELAYED REQUEST THAT IF U.S. RECOGNIZED COMOROS, U.S. MAKE NO STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF COMOROS' TERRITORIAL CLAIM.

2. DEPT. OFFICER ASSURED VALADAS THAT IT WAS NOT U.S. PRACTICE TO MAKE JUDGMENT ON DISPUTED TERRITORIAL CLAIMS AT TIME OF DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION AND WE WOULD NOT DO SO WERE WE TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH COMOROS.

3. VALADAS SAID HE BELIEVED GOF WOULD BE WILLING TO  
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ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH COMOROS IF LATTER WERE TO REFRAIN

FROM PRESSING ISSUE OF MAYOTTE, EVEN ALTHOUGH COMORIANS  
DID NOT RENOUNCE CLAIM TO ISLAND. KISSINGER

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